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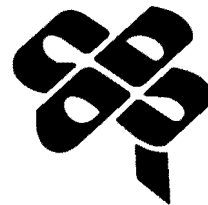
## ***MISSION STATEMENT***

To develop and promote the co-operative movement as a means of satisfying the economic and social needs of people.

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## ***OBJECTIVES***

- To help members improve services to their members by providing information and advice.
- To make representations to government on legislation and policies to facilitate the development of co-operatives.
- To promote co-operatives to the public.
- To facilitate and promote the formation of co-operatives.
- To educate members and the community at large in co-operative principles and practices.
- To facilitate co-operation between co-operatives.

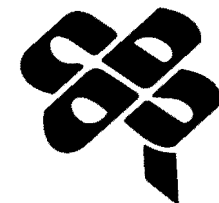


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Introducing the

# **Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd**



**Unity in Diversity**



## ***Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd***

Your co-operative is invited to join the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd. As a member your organisation will be part of an ever expanding group devoted to the development and strength of Victorian co-operatives.

The Federation was formed by co-operatives who identified and sought to promote three major issues vital to the survival and growth of co-operatives:

- The need for a united body to represent Victorian co-operatives to the State Government.
- To facilitate education and training.
- To foster the development of co-operatives.

Membership is open to all registered Victorian co-operatives and other corporate bodies that are designed to function in accordance with the co-operative principles.

## ***The privileges of membership***

The Federation is a beneficial extension of the core co-operative ideal:

### **Association for mutual benefit.**

- We exist to benefit member co-operatives in many ways:

## ***Services***

The Federation enables members to access services that may not be known or available to individual co-operatives. Membership gives your co-operative access to a network of organisations able to provide a range of services. The Federation also provides members with a telephone advisory service to answer questions about the Federation, the *Co-operatives Act 1996* and all forms and registers required by the Act.

## ***Sharing experiences***

Many of the issues or concerns facing co-operatives have been experienced by others. The Federation works as a forum to pass on the experience of others and provide the knowledge gained from collective intelligence. Members can tap into this knowledge for improvement or solutions.

## ***Government recognition***

The Victorian Government has recognised the Federation as the body representing Victorian co-operatives. This recognition enables the Federation to influence the government on policy development and implementation to benefit members and co-operatives generally.

## ***Education and training***

The Federation conducts seminars and promotions to educate members and the general public about co-operative principles and practices, and offers advice to training providers about the training needs of members.

## ***Information and communication services***

To inform members of the latest issues the Federation publishes the Victorian Co-operative News four times a year. We also make available publications, books and information about co-operatives for use by members.

## ***Have your say***

Members can influence and form Federation policy for the benefit of their co-operative. In recognising the fact that the requirements of some members are unique to them, the Federation has the flexibility to adopt, adapt and improve 'custom' policy.

## ***Co-operative development***

The Federation provides advice and assistance in the formation of new co-operatives, and vital strategies for success.

## ***The next step***

A strong Federation is vital. With your support, the Federation can effectively promote and protect the interests of your co-operative.

To become a member of the Co-operative Federation of Victoria, a co-operative is required to acquire 5 X \$2 shares and pay an annual subscription related to the size of the organisation.

## ***More information?***

For further information please contact the secretary on 5345 7466 or fax 5348 3253.